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Airfield and Road Construction in the Area of Hunch'un

1. [redacted] 40,000 Chinese and North Korean laborers began construction of an airfield north of hill 430 (approximately N 42-33, E 130-22) near Lienhuatung (approximately N 42-34, E 130-32). [redacted] most of the labor force, under the direction of Soviets, was engaged in improving a dirt road between the new airfield and Hunch'un (N 42-52, E 130-22) by spreading rocks over the surface of the road to a depth of 1 meter. The improvement of this road [redacted] was the result of an agreement between the USSR and Communist China. Laborers were also constructing workers' barracks between the airfield and Hunch'un, and a railroad between Hunch'un and the Maritime Provinces of the USSR. All civilian residents in the area of construction were moved from the area on orders from the Chinese Communist government.

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North Korean Air Force Headquarters

2. [redacted] the headquarters of the North Korean air force was in dug-outs in a heavily forested hill [redacted] near Wonhyon (N 39-07, E 125-44)

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New Airfield at Tökch'ön

3. [] a new airfield 4 kilometers west of Tökch'ön (N 39-45, E 126-18) was completed. The Communists planned to use the field as a training center for North Korean air force cadets.

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North Korean Air Force Personnel in North Korea

4. [] most of the North Korean air force personnel in North Korea were maintenance and service men who supported Chinese Communist and Soviet pilots. Most Korean pilots in North Korea were stationed south of P'yongyang and Wonsan. They flew biplanes, reconnaissance planes, and a few YAK fighters.

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North Korean Pilots at Antung and Üiju Airfields

5. [] about 300 Korean pilots were stationed in the Antung area. These pilots had completed training, which included instruction in the use of MIG-type jet aircraft. [] Fifty of these pilots were in action. [] Another nine pilots were detached and sent to Üiju airfield to supervise technical maintenance of MIG-15 aircraft. The maintenance unit at Üiju airfield was commanded by Major Utpel² a Soviet air force officer of Tartar extraction.

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Comments

1. [] the headquarters of the North Korean air force was in cliff shelters approximately 2 miles north of Kirim-ni (N 39-02, E 125-45) P'yongyang []
2. This name was formed from the romanization of Korean sounds.

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